



# Some extremal problems on subordinate functions

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $A^p$  denote the Bergman space of functions  $f$  analytic in the unit disk  $D$  with

$$\|f\|_{A^p} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_D |f(z)|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < +\infty,$$

where  $p > 0$ , and  $dA$  is the Lebesgue area measure. In this paper we investigate some extremal problems on subordinate  $A^p$  functions.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the locally convex linear topological space of functions analytic in the unit disk  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ , with the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of the unit disk  $D$ . Let  $B_0$  denote the set of functions  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $|\phi(z)| \leq |z|$  for all  $z \in D$ . Let  $f, F \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $F$ , denoted by  $f \prec F$ , if and only if there exists a function  $\phi \in B_0$  such that  $f = F \circ \phi$ . For any  $F \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $s(F)$  denotes the family of all functions subordinate to  $F$ .

Let  $X$  be a linear topological space and let  $U$  be a subset of  $X$ . A point  $u \in X$  is called an extreme point of  $U$  if  $u \in U$  and if  $u = tx + (1-t)y$ , where  $0 < t < 1$ ,  $x, y \in U$ , implies that  $x = y$ . We use the notation  $EU$  to denote the set of extreme points of  $U$ .

For  $0 < p < +\infty$ , the Hardy space  $H^p$  is the set of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  with

$$\|f\|_{H^p} = \sup_{0 < r < 1} M_p(r, f) < +\infty,$$

where

$$M_p(r, f) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For  $0 < p < +\infty$ , the Bergman space  $A^p$  is the set of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  with

$$\|f\|_{A^p} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_D |f(z)|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} < +\infty,$$

where  $dA$  denotes the Lebesgue area measure.

Ryff [1] proved that if  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $F \in H^p$ ,  $f \prec F$ , then the necessary and sufficient condition for  $\|f\|_{H^p} = \|F\|_{H^p}$  is  $f = F \circ \phi$  where  $\phi$  is inner and  $\phi(0) = 0$ . In [2] it is proved that  $Hs(F) \subset H^p$  if  $F \in H^p$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Also in [2] it is proved that if  $p > 1$ ,  $f \in H^p$  and  $F \neq 0$ ,  $f \in Hs(F)$  and  $\|f\|_{H^p} = \|F\|_{H^p}$ , then  $f \in EHs(F)$ .

In this paper we consider similar problems on the Bergman space  $A^p$ .

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## 2. Main results

**Theorem 1.** Suppose  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f \prec g$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |f(z)|^p dA(z) \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |g(z)|^p dA(z) \quad (1)$$

and equality holds if and only if  $g$  is a constant or  $f(z) = g(xz)$ ,  $|x| = 1$ , where  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < R < 1$ .

**Proof.** Since  $f \prec g$ , it follows that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \quad (2)$$

where  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , and the equality in (2) holds for some  $r$  if and only if there exists a number  $x$  with  $|x| = 1$  such that  $f(z) = g(xz)$  [3]. If  $0 \leq R < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |f(z)|^p dA(z) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^R \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right] r dr \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^R \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right] r dr = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |g(z)|^p dA(z). \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that  $\int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = 2\pi M_p^p(r, f)$  and  $\int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = 2\pi M_p^p(r, g)$  are continuous with variable  $r \in [0, 1]$  and the inequality (2), we conclude that if

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |f(z)|^p dA(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |g(z)|^p dA(z)$$

then

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta, \quad 0 < r \leq R.$$

Thus  $f(z) = g(xz)$  for some  $x$  with  $|x| = 1$ .

Conversely, if  $f(z) = g(xz)$  with  $|x| = 1$ , then it is clear that

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |f(z)|^p dA(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |g(z)|^p dA(z). \quad \square$$

**Corollary 1.** If  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $f \prec g$ , then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} |a_n|^2 r^{2n+2} \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} |b_n|^2 r^{2n+2}$$

for any  $r \in [0, 1)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p = 2$ . Then the conclusion follows from Theorem 1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** If  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $f \prec g$ , then

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n+1} |a_n|^2 r^{2n+2} \leq \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n+1} |b_n|^2 r^{2n+2},$$

and

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n+1} |a_n|^2 \leq \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n+1} |b_n|^2,$$

where  $r \in [0, 1)$  and  $N$  is an arbitrary positive integer.

**Proof.** Since  $f \prec g$ , there exists a function  $\phi \in B_0$  such that  $f(z) = g(\phi(z))$ , and so, there exist numbers  $c_n$  such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n [\phi(z)]^n = \sum_{n=0}^N b_n [\phi(z)]^n + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} c_n z^n.$$

Thus there exist numbers  $d_n$  such that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} d_n z^n = \sum_{n=0}^N b_n [\phi(z)]^n.$$

It follows from Corollary 1 that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{|a_n|^2}{n+1} r^{2n+2} + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{|d_n|^2}{n+1} r^{2n+2} \leq \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{|b_n|^2}{n+1} r^{2n+2}.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{|a_n|^2}{n+1} r^{2n+2} \leq \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{|b_n|^2}{n+1} r^{2n+2}. \quad (3)$$

Let  $r \rightarrow 1$ ; from (3) we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{|a_n|^2}{n+1} \leq \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{|b_n|^2}{n+1}. \quad \square$$

It must be pointed out that Corollaries 1 and 2 are due to G. Goluzin (in more general version even) [3].

**Corollary 3.** If  $f \prec g$  and  $g \in A^p$  then  $f \in A^p$ ,  $\|f\|_{A^p} \leq \|g\|_{A^p}$  and the equality holds if and only if  $f(z) = g(xz)$  with  $|x| = 1$ .

**Proof.** It follows from (1) that

$$\sup_{0 \leq R < 1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |f(z)|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \sup_{0 \leq R < 1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| \leq R} |g(z)|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

That is  $\|f\|_{A^p} \leq \|g\|_{A^p}$ . Thus  $g \in A^p$  implies that  $f \in A^p$ .

If  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|g\|_{A^p}$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right] r dr = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right] r dr. \quad (4)$$

Since

$$2\pi M_p^p(r, f) = \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = 2\pi M_p^p(r, g)$$

and  $M_p^p(r, f)$ ,  $M_p^p(r, g)$  are continuous functions with variable  $r \in [0, 1)$ , it follows from (4) that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta$$

for  $r \in [0, 1)$ . Thus  $f(z) = g(xz)$ , where  $|x| = 1$  [3].

Conversely, if  $f(z) = g(xz)$  with  $|x| = 1$  then it is obvious that  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|g\|_{A^p}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** If  $F \in A^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $Hs(F) \subset A^p$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f \in Hs(F)$ . Then  $f$  can be uniformly approximated on each compact subset of  $D$  by functions of the form  $\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k f_k$  where  $f_k \in s(F)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda_k \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k = 1$ . Since  $p \geq 1$  and

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| < 1} |f_k(z)|^p dA(z) \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| < 1} |F(z)|^p dA(z),$$

we may apply the Minkowski inequality to obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| < 1} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k f_k(z) \right|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| < 1} |f_k(z)|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|z| < 1} |F(z)|^p dA(z) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f \in A^p$  and  $\|f\|_{A^p} \leq \|F\|_{A^p}$ .  $\square$

Let  $B(A^p) = \{f : f \in A^p, \|f\|_{A^p} \leq 1\}$ . If  $p > 1$  then  $A^p$  is a uniformly convex space. It is known that  $EB(A^p) = \{f : f \in A^p, \|f\|_{A^p} = 1\}$  when  $p > 1$  [4].

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $p > 1$ ,  $F \in A^p$ ,  $F \neq 0$ . If  $f \in Hs(F)$  and  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|F\|_{A^p}$ , then  $f \in EHs(F)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f \in Hs(F)$  and  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|F\|_{A^p}$ , and there exist functions  $g$  and  $h$  in  $Hs(F)$  and a number  $t$  ( $0 < t < 1$ ) such that  $f = tg + (1-t)h$ . Since  $\|g\|_{A^p} \leq \|F\|_{A^p}$  and  $\|h\|_{A^p} \leq \|F\|_{A^p}$ , it follows that  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|g\|_{A^p} = \|h\|_{A^p} = \|F\|_{A^p}$ . We note that  $\|F\|_{A^p} \neq 0$  and so  $f_1 = \frac{f}{\|F\|_{A^p}}$ ,  $g_1 = \frac{g}{\|F\|_{A^p}}$  and  $h_1 = \frac{h}{\|F\|_{A^p}} \in \partial B(A^p) = \{\varphi \in A^p, \|\varphi\|_{A^p} = 1\}$ . Since  $f_1 = tg_1 + (1-t)h_1$ ,  $0 < t < 1$  and  $f_1 \in EB(A^p)$ , it follows that  $f_1 = g_1 = h_1$ , and so  $f = g = h$ . This implies that  $f \in EHs(F)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Suppose that  $p > 1$ ,  $F \in A^p$ . If  $f \in Hs(F)$  and  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|F\|_{A^p}$  then  $f(z) = F(xz)$  where  $|x| = 1$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\|f\|_{A^p} = \|F\|_{A^p}$ , it follows from Theorem 3 that  $f \in EHs(F)$ . Since  $Hs(F)$  is a compact set,  $EHs(F) \subset s(F)$  [2]. So  $f \in s(F)$ . It follows from Corollary 3 that  $f(z) = F(xz)$  with  $|x| = 1$ .  $\square$

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